

Spotlight on Dillon . . .

Dillon County and its county seat were named for James W. Dillon (1826-1913), a prominent local resident. Dillon County was formed in 1910 from part of Marion County. Swamps and rivers kept this section of the Pee Dee isolated for many years, but the construction of a railroad in the nineteenth century brought increased development. The residents primarily engaged in cotton, tobacco farming, and timber harvesting. Composer Carlisle Floyd (b. 1926) was born in the Dillon County town of Latta.

Marion Workforce Center

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Location & Climate

- Located in the northeastern area of the state
- Surrounded by Marlboro, Florence, Marion, and Horry counties, with North Carolina to the north
- This region has an average temperature of 62.1 degrees with an annual average rainfall of 46.8 inches.

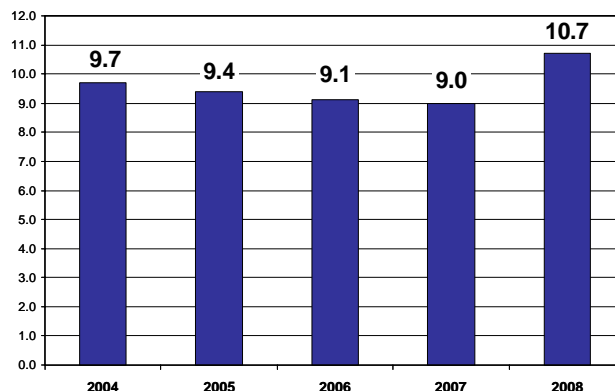
Population

- Was 30,670 in 2007
- Estimated growth to 30,800 by 2015
- 2007 data was comprised of 50.4% White, 45.9% African-American, and 3.7% Other
- The Hispanic-Latino population has increased from 539 in 2000 to 848 in 2007, a 57.3% change.

Labor Force

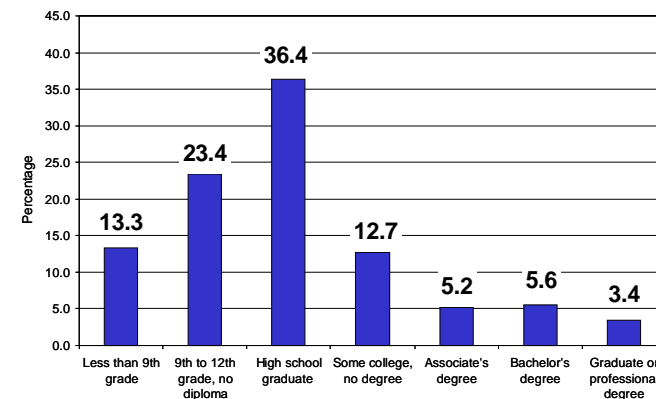
- Decreased from 13,010 in 2007 to 12,900 in 2008
- Employment fell from 11,840 in 2007 to 11,520 in 2008.
- Unemployment rate rose from 9.0% in 2007 to 10.7% in 2008.

Unemployment Rates for Dillon County
2004 - 2008



Educational Attainment

Dillon County 2007



Per Capita Income

- County per capita income was \$21,440 for 2007.
- This was 69% of the state's per capita income of \$31,100.
- This was 56% of the national per capita income of \$38,620.

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Marion Workforce Center, which serves Dillon and Marion counties, paid \$10,617,861 in regular unemployment insurance benefits during 2008.



SC Employment Security Commission Labor Market Information

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